

COMMUNITY NEWS

Closing pitcher has family ties to Elba

Nippon Ham Fighters win baseball's Japan Series

by Linda Hodge, Editor

While many baseball fans watched Major League Baseball's World Series at the end of October to see which team would become the newest champions, some local fans had their attention on another series...the Japan Series.

On Thursday, Oct. 26, the Nippon Ham Fighters clinched the Japan Series (winning four games to one) over the Chunichi Dragons. It was the team's first Japan Series since 1962 when the team was known as the Toei Flyers.

Pitcher Michael Nakamura, Nakamura pitched in all four of

utilized as the Fighters' closer, is the main reason several local citizens were extremely interested in this year's Japan Series.

Nakamura is the husband of Misty (Boland) Nakamura, the daughter of Earl and Bertie Boland of Elba. During the Japan Series, Nakamura pitched in all four of

League record with 39 saves.



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McGrath Love. Counts received 8,653 votes (67.16 percent) while Love received 4,222 votes (32.77 percent).

For Coffee County Board of Education, District Three, Galen McWaters (Republican) defeated incumbent Stephen Scott Hunko (Democrat). McWaters received 1,073 votes (56.15 percent) while Hunko received 837 votes (43.80 percent).

For Coffee County Board of Education, District Five, incumbent Robin McKinnon won his bid for reelection defeating Michael Wesolek (Republican). McKinnon received 810 votes (62.69 percent) and Wesolek received 480 votes (37.15 percent).

Marvin McLwain was unopposed in Tuesday's election and was elected to serve another term as Coffee County Coroner, Elba Division. The race for Coffee County Coroner, Enterprise Division, had incumbent Robert Preachers (Democrat) defeating Corey Mason. Preachers received 4,400 votes (53.35 percent) and Mason received 3,826 votes (46.39 percent).

The race for State Senator, District No. 31 (which includes Coffee County, Covington County and a portion of Dale and Houston counties) found incumbent Jimmy Holley (Democrat) facing Dwight Adams (Republican). With all boxes counted in Coffee and Covington counties (except the provisionals) Holley seemingly was headed for reelection. In Coffee County, Holley received 6,789 votes (51.68 percent) while Adams received 6,339 votes (48.26 percent). In Covington County, Holley received 7,268 votes (65 percent) while Adams received 3,802 votes (34 percent). No figures were available from Dale or Houston counties as of press time, but Holley seemed to have a significant lead in the overall race.

Several statewide races also were decided Tuesday. The overall figures were not available as of press time; however, the unofficial results from Coffee County were as follows in all races:

For Governor
Lucy Baxley (D)4,510
Bob Riley (R)8,619

For Lt. Governor
Jim Folsom Jr. (D)5,757
Luther Strange (R)7,316

For U.S. Rep., 2nd Congressional District
Charles (Chuck) Dean James (D)2,923
Terry Everett (R)10,180

For Attorney General
John Tyson Jr. (D)3,609
Roy King (R)9,350

For State Senate, Dist. No. 31
Jimmy W. Holley (D)6,789
Dwight Adams (R)6,339

For State Rep., District No. 91
Terry Spicer (D)6,764
Ricky E. Snellgrove (R)6,400

For Chief Justice of the Supreme Court
Sue Bell Cobb (D)5,989
Drayton Nabers Jr. (R)6,905

For Associate Justice of the Supreme Court, Place No. 1
Champ Lyons Jr. (R)8,938

For Associate Justice of the Supreme Court, Place No. 2
Gwendolyn Thomas Kennedy (D)4,304
Tom Woodall (R)7,675

For Associate Justice of the Supreme Court, Place No. 3
Albert L. Johnson (D)3,860

FESTIVAL

will perform beginning at 1 p.m. This choir will perform songs learned from the "Arctic Edge" Vacation Bible School.

Whitworth said an invitation was sent to churches throughout the county, and more than 25 already have responded for this event.

The Dixieland Cloggers will follow the children's choir at 1:30 p.m. while another new event will begin at 2 p.m. Whitworth said a Community Adult Choir also will perform together during this year's Christmas Festival. She said anyone interested in participating in this adult choir should contact the chamber for more information.

This year's entertainment will conclude with the She Bang dance group from Troy.

As always, Whitworth said the Christmas Festival will feature many arts and crafts and food vendors, and there will be plenty of activities for children to

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include a rock wall, train rides, pony rides and face painting.

The annual Christmas Parade will begin at 4:30 p.m. and will make its way through the downtown streets of Elba. Again this year, the first float will be collecting nonperishable food items to be donated to needy families in the local area. Everyone is encouraged to bring items for this float.

Whitworth said the Chamber is hoping to produce another exciting Christmas parade and she encourages anyone interested in entering to contact the Chamber office or Melissa Flowers.

"The Christmas Festival and Parade have always been a great event to bring in the holidays here in Elba, and we hope this year will be no different," said Whitworth.

For more information, contact the Elba Chamber of Commerce office at (334) 897-3125.

Lyn Stuart (R)8,246
For Associate Justice of the Supreme Court, Place No. 4
John H. England Jr. (D)3,614
Glenn Murdock (R)8,851

For Court of Civil Appeals Judge, Place No. 1
Ray Vaughan (D)3,912
Terry Moore (R)8,076

For Court of Civil Appeals Judge, Place No. 2
Kimberly Harbison Drake (D)4,234
Craig Pittman (R)7,887

For Court of Civil Appeals Judge, Place No. 3
Jim McFerrin (D)4,183
Terri Willingham Thomas (R)7,555

For Court of Criminal Appeals Judge, Place No. 1
Aubrey Ford Jr. (D)4,134
Greg Shaw (R)7,616

For Court of Criminal Appeals Judge, Place No. 2
Claude E. Patton (D)3,804
Kelli Wise (R)8,098

For Court of Criminal Appeals Judge, Place No. 3
Deborah Bell Paeur (D)4,133
Sam Welch (R)7,563

For Secretary of State
Nancy L. Wodey (D)4,510
Beth Chapman (R)7,966

For State Treasurer
Steve Segrest (D)3,739
Kay Ivey (R)8,715

For State Auditor
Jaime Baker Clarke (D)4,430
S. Samantha Shaw (R)7,520

For Commissioner of Agriculture and Industries
Ron Sparks (D)6,857
Albert Lipscomb (R)5,562

For Public Service Commission, Place No. 1
Jan Cook (D)6,215
John Rice (R)6,291

For Public Service Commission, Place No. 2
Susan Parker (D)5,457
Perry O. Hooper Jr. (R)6,891

For Member, State Board of Education, District No. 2
Charlotte Kirkland Williams (D)5,255
Betty Peters (R)6,990

For Circuit Court Judge, 12th Judicial Circuit, Place No. 1
Thomas E. Head III (R)9,575

For Circuit Clerk, Coffee County
Eva McGrath Love (D)4,222
Mickey Counts (R)8,653

For Coffee County Judge of Probate
William O. Gammill (R)10,189
Dave Sutton (R)6,445

For Coffee County Coroner, Elba Division
Marvin McLwain (D)2,785

For Coffee County Coroner, Enterprise Division
Robert L. Preachers (D)4,400
Corey Mason (R)3,826

For Member, Coffee City Board of Edu., District No. 2
Annette W. Griswold (R)1,309

For Member, Coffee City Board of Edu., District No. 3
Stephen Scott Hunko (D)837
Galen L. McWaters (R)1,073

For Member, Coffee City Board of Edu., District No. 5
Rubin McKinnon (D)810
Michael Wesolek (R)480

Proposed Statewide Amendment Number One
Yes4,086
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Proposed Statewide Amendment Number Two
Yes6,589
No4,304

Proposed Statewide Amendment Number Three
Yes4,954
No2,780

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Tie vote keeps Coffee County Commission from placing county administrator on leave

by Linda Hodge, Editor

When Coffee County Commissioners gathered Monday, Nov. 13, for the regular bimonthly meeting, a tie vote saved county administrator Wilson Mobley from being placed on leave.

Commissioner Tom Grimsley began the discussion that led to a motion calling for the administrator to be placed on leave. Grimsley said he often is asked about the most important job of commissioners in which he feels the management of tax payers' dollars, however, on Monday, he said some of the county's past audits have revealed the county is not always the best managers of funds.

Grimsley asked fellow commissioner Linda Westbrook, an accountant, to read several audits (dated from 1995-96 and up) and explain the findings.

At the conclusion of Westbrook's presentation, Grimsley said the most recent

audit again informed the county that internal management was not being done properly.

"I find that unacceptable," Grimsley said.

Grimsley then made a motion with a second from Commissioner Doug Dalrymple to place the administrator (Mobley) on leave until something could be decided in regards to what to do.

Commissioner Robert Stephens agreed there has been a problem, and he said it is important for commissioners to keep an eye on the happenings of the county offices.

"As commissioner of District Three, I accept my responsibility for not keeping a better eye on things, and I apologize to my district for this happening."

Commission chairman Jim Thompson called for the vote, and a tie resulted in no action being taken. Those voting in favor of the motion were commissioners Grimsley, Dalrymple and Westbrook. Voting against it

were commissioners Stephens, Thompson and J.L. Weeks.

Commissioner Bernest Brooks was not present for the meeting.

Following the vote, Commissioner Westbrook said although Mobley was not placed on leave there is a problem, and she feels this is something the commission needs to work on together.

Also during Monday's meeting, commissioners were addressed by Phillip Sharp of Trinity Resources regarding possible oil drilling in the county.

Sharp said his company has located a well on Ray Sanders' land near the Frisco voting house that was drilled in the 50s.

He said the company believes this can be a resource for drilling oil once again, but needs to lease approximately two tenths of land owned by the county in order to continue with this project.

"We believe there is a significant amount of oil in Coffee County," Sharp said. "If this proves successful, it will bring new revenue to Coffee County."

Sharp said time is of essence to his company, and he hopes to hear very quickly from the county in regards to leasing the small portion of land owned by the county.

Sharp said his company already operates in several surrounding counties.

In other business, commissioners:

- Voted to approve the paving of 40 ft. of road (state right-of-way) on the temporary road being constructed into the county's industrial park. County engineer Randy Tindell said the state is requiring this portion of road be paved.
- Voted to approve a landfill credit application for Shaw Infrastructure of Fort Rucker.
- Voted to waive the farm census.

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NOTICE
The Elba Clipper office will be closed Thursday, Nov. 23, in observance of Thanksgiving Day. Therefore, special deadlines will be in effect for the Nov. 23rd edition.

All Church and Social News will be due Friday, Nov. 17, by noon. All other news and advertising will be due Monday, Nov. 20, by noon.

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The Coffee County Commission signed a resolution and presented it Monday, Nov. 13, during their regular bimonthly meeting to Kathy Sauer, former director of the Enterprise Chamber of Commerce. Sauer recently accepted a position on a committee formed by Gov. Bob Riley working on "how to improve Alabama for families." The commission presented the resolution to Sauer recognizing her commitment to Enterprise and Coffee County during her years of service. Sauer (holding documents) accepted the resolution from commissioners (from left) Doug Dalrymple, Jim Thompson, Tom Grimsley, Linda Westbrook, J.L. Weeks and Robert Stephens. Commissioner Bernest Brooks did not attend the meeting.

Coffee County foster parents named "Alabama Foster Parents of the Year"

The Alabama Foster and Adoptive Parent Association presented Ricky and Teresa Kidd of Jack, Ala., the Alabama Foster Parents of the Year award in Montgomery, Ala., at the AFAPA annual training conference held June 8, 2006.

Mr. and Mrs. Kidd said winning the award was a surprise, and it was one of the greatest honors they could receive as foster parents. They said they wanted to thank everyone involved in nominating them for such a prestigious award.

The couple recently got the opportunity to meet Governor Bob Riley and have photos taken with him as he signed the Foster Care Month proclamation. They then traveled to Nashville, Tenn., in July to attend the Southeast Coalition of Foster Parents convention.

Both Ricky and Teresa say

they feel God has lead them to open their heart and home to the children and have committed themselves to love and raise them as their own. The couple has two biological children and two adopted children of their own and say they have plenty of love left to share with any other children God sends their way.

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REMINDER
Coffee County Solid Waste containers will be in possession of 9:00 AM. Containers are added to place these cans by the road for pickup. MDI is diligently working to pickup and remove all cans from Coffee County.

Solid waste containers should not have and be using the "recycle" symbol for solid waste collection.

For questions, call the Coffee County Solid Waste Department at 894-5555.

Area Happenings

THE BRANTLEY BULLDOGS near week two of the playoffs Friday, Nov. 17, playing host to South Lamar. Kickoff for the game is set for 7 p.m. in Brantley.

THE COMMUNITY CHOIR FOR THE ELBA CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL will perform Sunday, Nov. 19, at Westside Baptist Church beginning at 2 p.m. All churches and individuals interested in participating in this special event are encouraged to attend the practice. The "community choir" is scheduled to perform during the Christmas Festival Sunday, Nov. 25, at 2 p.m.

COFFEE COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT will hold the clinics at the health department Friday, Nov. 17, and Monday, Dec. 4. There also will be a clinic Wednesday, Dec. 13, if the vaccine supply is not depleted. All clinics will be open to the general public and will take place from 9-11 a.m. and from 1-3:30 p.m. Medicare and Medicaid card and a picture ID must be supplied. If the card is not supplied, a fee will be charged. For more information, please call (334) 347-8574.

THE CITY OF ELBA OFFICE will be closed Thursday, Nov. 23, and Friday, Nov. 24, in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday. There will be standby crews for fire emergency with street, sewer, electric and water. To report an emergency, call the Elba Police Department at 897-5555. The garbage pickup schedule will be adjusted.

JOYCE SKINNER joined the Elba Police Department more than three decades ago and continues today to serve the community as a police communications officer.

Skinner has been with the department more than 35 years and is certified in emergency medical dispatch, NCIC/ACJIS and CPR.

When asked about her most memorable experience through the years, Skinner said, "An elderly lady traveling from Panama City Beach left her purse there. She needed money for gas. I gave her my last \$20. She mailed me my money, plus back."

Skinner enjoys spending time with her family which includes her husband, son and grandson.



THE OCCUPANTS OF THE DANIELS' RESIDENCE AT 158 COUNTY ROAD 347 received a rude awakening Monday morning, Oct. 30, when smoke and fire forced them from the home at approximately 4:30 a.m. The Zion Chapel Fire Department was dispatched to the scene, but the fire was too far gone for the house to be saved. All family members exited the home without injury from the fire.

New deadline in place for Colorado company Latest Dorsey Trailer bankruptcy court hearing ends in delay

by Ferrin Cox, Publisher

The Tuesday, Nov. 14, bankruptcy court hearing on the disposition of the Dorsey Trailer assets did not result in the immediate answer Elba citizens were hoping to hear.

The judge heard a request from the original high bidder, Cattle Company of Colorado, for an extension until Thursday, Nov. 23, which is Thanksgiving Day. Their attorney asked for the additional time to get their already committed funds out of Mexico, into the United States and all in one pile.

Attorney Terry Butts, representing Pitts Trailers and owner Jeff Pitts, an Alabama trailer manufacturing firm, protested another delay. However, the judge ruled that all the money must be in the office of the bankruptcy trustee by the 5 p.m. close of business on Wednesday, Nov. 22, or the existing agreement will be terminated and Pitts Trailers will be considered the winning bidder.

The order also said the \$200,000 already paid by the Colorado firm will be forfeited if the balance is not forthcoming by the 22nd.

If Pitts Trailers is the successful bidder, his attorney Terry Butts said, following the Tuesday hearing, they would be ready to close the deal within the normal 30 to 60 days required to complete required land surveys and draw up deeds and other necessary financial closing papers.

Grimes announced to the council that School Board member Katrina Calhoun has resigned to take a teaching position in the school system. He asked that council members be thinking about a replacement before the next meeting. The unexpected term goes until June 2007.

A resolution necessary to get additional funding on the ongoing Carl Folsom Airport upgrades was approved by the council. Elba will receive \$46,580 in this round of work.

The total project will purchase additional tracks of land in the flight path, land appraisals, relocation of resident, environmental studies and then completely replacing the paving on runways and taxi ways.

Gregory Sewell Jr. was reappointed to another six year term on the Planning & Zoning Board.

Charles Hayes was reappointed to the Airport Authority and Bob Robinson was appointed to replace Mike McGuire. Both are for six year terms.

Percy Dyess was named to

Elba Mayor James Grimes is shown signing the Farm City Week proclamation for the week of Nov. 17-23. The joint proclamation was signed by mayor of local municipalities and the county mission. Looking on are New Brockton Mayor Charles Cole and Steven Bozeman, representing the Farm-City committee.



Police Communications Officer Joyce Skinner

EDITORIAL

BRAINSTORMS
With Ferrin Cox

Recently some interesting survey results crossed our desk. Accurate or not, a couple of the results jumped out like sore thumbs. "52% of Americans prefer a week in jail to being president!" That we understand. The next one... well okay. "83% of Americans prefer smooth peanut butter." Now the last of the three we are quoting could create endless discussions... 80% of Americans believe in God... wonder where they worship? There are surely less than that percentage in the Alabama churches we know and/or read about.

Snakes are still crawling. This week we saw evidence of two big rattlers a friend had discovered while bushhogging. The two vipers were sunning themselves near a gopher hole... but they had met their match that day. We would like to show you photographic proof of the two snakes but this big game hunter is publicity (or maybe camera) shy. Just remember to watch where you step.

The elections are over for this year and us battered and shell shocked voters who survived can now regroup and prepare for the 2008 election buildup which, if not already started, will get underway in earnest by next February or March. Of course if no one can find two candidates who are NOT "too liberal for Alabama," we can expect it to be politics as usual... or maybe no race... who knows what will happen.

Monday our office got more than one call about city crews being on Dr. Roberts Street and doing work on private property. This came as a bit of a shock because it has become a rare occurrence in recent years for anyone to even suspect such in Elba. We promptly checked it out and sure enough a sewer line was being installed to a mobile home... right up to the trailer. A quick trip to City Hall got an acceptable answer for the work being done by city crews. Here it is: This trailer had been on a septic tank for years (always apparently) but the residents had been paying a monthly sewage fee to the City of Elba, right along with their water bill. City employees were unable to determine how long this practice had been going on. Since sewer fees are based on water usage, it can vary every month, so any guess would be... well, a guess. The residents began having trouble with what turned out to be a septic tank and not a city sewage problem and that is what brought this matter to light. The bottom line is that the City of Elba agreed to install the sewer line and the residents agreed not to pursue refunds for all those back months of billing errors. Personally we call that a win-win-win situation. The family get a sewage problem solved, the city doesn't have to spend weeks researching (or searching for) old records plus the environment is better served every time a septic tank in the city limits is eliminated.

Elba Police Report

The Elba Police Department on 885 Cedar Lane Dr. (12:08 beginning Monday, Nov. 6, 2006); Prowler reported at 213 Taylor Avenue (2:57 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to 778 County Rd. 338 (4:37 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to 1550 County Rd. 101 (5:47 a.m.).

The following arrests were made: one for domestic violence, one for forgery, one for failure to appear, one for kidnapping, two for rape, one for sodomy, one for sexual abuse and one for reckless endangerment.

Traffic citations issued during the week were as follows: five for speeding, two for no proof of insurance, four for not wearing a seat belt, two for a revoked driver's license, one for attempting to elude and two for no headlights.

Daily activity highlights for the week were as follows: MONDAY, NOV. 6 - Coffee County EMS dispatched to 545 E. Davis St. (1:52 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to County Rd. 215 (1:26 p.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to 361 County Rd. 360 (8:36 p.m.); Domestic disturbance reported at 880 Troy Hwy. (9:43 p.m.); Prowler reported at 1303 Highland Dr. (9:57 p.m.); Domestic disturbance reported at 880 Troy Hwy. (9:58 p.m.).

TUESDAY, NOV. 7 - Routine activity.

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 8 - Domestic disturbance reported

Elba native appointed mayor of Panama City Beach, Fla.

On Thursday, Nov. 9, the City of Panama City Beach appointed Gayle Oberst to serve as the fifth and only female mayor of the growing City. Oberst has served as Vice Mayor and is in her seventh year as a member of the City Council. She assumed office and was sworn in after the Council voted on the decision during its regular November meeting.

Oberst retired from Troy University at Dothan and has worked with Gulf Coast Community College in Panama City, Central Texas College in the Pacific Far East and presently owns and operates a consulting, facilitating, and training company, CFT Pyramid. She holds an MBA after attending Troy and Auburn Universities.

She represents the City on the Bay County Economic Development Alliance, Beaches Chamber, Economic Development Council, and Bay County Transportation Planning Organization. She is on the Bay County Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors and the Greater Beaches Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors, Beaches Women's Club Board, and PCB Kiwanis Board. Oberst also serves on the FSU Panama City Campus Development Board, Beach Care Services Board, Surfside Middle School Advisory Board, and the Board of International Undersea Science Center. She has served as President of the Bay County League of Cities and on the Northwest Florida League of Cities Board of Directors.

Oberst is expected to lead the City as it experiences the greatest in its history which is changing its image to one of a year-round community and resort. She will continue her work for parks, recreation, trails and other quality of life concerns that she has championed during her tenure.

A native of Elba, Alabama, Oberst and her husband Walter moved to Panama City Beach in 1991. Her family in Elba are Jackie, J. J. and Jonathan Farmer. She is the daughter of the late Alvis and Doris Farmer.



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A WAY TO GIVE...Christmas Time is coming and what better way to show the Christmas Spirit than to give back to someone that has given so much to Elba. The Salvation Army. This year's bell ringing will begin Wednesday, Nov. 22, at the Elba Marketplace and Saturday, Nov. 25, at the Christmas Festival on the square. The bell ringing will continue until Dec. 23rd. Bell ringing will also take place at Fred's. For more information contact Barbara Turner at 897-5202 or Kristy Hickman at 897-2090. Above, Hickman and her sons, Dallas and Luke, are seen preparing for the bell ringing season.

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BULLETIN BOARD

- ABUSING CHEMICAL SUBSTANCES THROUGH CHRIST A.R.M.S. addiction recovery ministry services - Thurs. 7 p.m. - Two Baptist Church. Call 565-970 or visit the website: www.inobaptist.com
- ALCOHOL & DRUG RECOVERY SUPPORT GROUP - every Tuesday at 6 p.m. - Shilo Baptist Church of Elba - Call 897-5017 for more information
- SOCIAL SECURITY REP. - Courtroom 4B Tues. 12:30-1:30. Call FREE 1-800-772-1213
- ROTARY CLUB - Tuesday @ Noon-First First Baptist Church Fellowship Hall
- ELBA CITY COUNCIL - 2nd & 4th Monday - 6 p.m. City Hall
- WATER & ELECTRIC - Tuesday following 2nd Monday 6 p.m. - City Hall
- ELBA MINISTERIAL ASSN. - Tues. 8 a.m. Elba United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall
- GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP - every Monday 6:30 p.m. - Elba United Methodist Church - center on side on W. Davis St. - Maggie Garrett Classroom
- COFFEE COUNTY COMMISSION - 2nd & 4th Monday - 6:30 p.m. - Senior Citizen Center
- ELBA CITY SCHOOL BOARD - 2nd Tues. 5:30 p.m. - Supp. Office
- AMERICAN LEGION - 1st Tuesday of every month 7:00 p.m. - Legion Hall, Troy Hwy.
- MASONIC LODGE 170 - 1st & 3rd Monday of each month. 7 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. - Senior Citizen Center
- BAND ROOSTERS - 1st Mon. - 7 p.m. Band Room @ Elba High School
- VETERANS SERVICE OFFICER - Mon-Fri. 8-12 noon & 12:30 - 4:30 New Brockton @ Farm Center Complex 894-5858
- COFFEE COUNTY COON HUNTERS ASSN. - 3rd Sat. - 3 p.m. - Club House
- COFFEE REPUBLICAN WOMEN - 3rd Wed. Noon - Po Folks, Enterprise
- ELBA AIRPORT AUTHORITY - 1st Thursday at 5 PM, the FBO office at the Airport
- AARP meets every 3rd Tuesday night of the month
- ELBA ATHLETIC CLUB - 2nd & 4th Monday - 7 p.m. - Elba High boys locker room
- NEW SEASONS STUDY CLUB - Every 3rd Tuesday at 7 p.m.
- ELBA KIWANIS CLUB - 1st & 3rd Thursday - 7 a.m. - Ranch House

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor,

Information wanted on the person or persons responsible for the theft of two arrangements from our son's grave in the Evergreen Cemetery.

These flowers were very large Sunflowers and greenery. They can be identified and are unusual. Any information you have can be turned in to the Elba Police Dept. A report is on file. Please help catch these thieves as many flowers have been taken. This needs to stop. Dorothe H. Hill

Dear Editor,

Senior citizens in Alabama and across the nation can sign up for Medicare's Prescription Drug Program or make changes to their existing coverage beginning on November 15. It is important to take time to understand what changes have taken place. New plans are available, costs have been adjusted and the

United Van Lines recognizes Hickman Moving and Storage Company Inc.

Hickman Moving & Storage Co., Inc., Elba, Ala., an agent of United Van Lines, has been honored by the worldwide household good transportation company for exceptional professional achievement.

Announcement of the recognition, conferred as part of van line's annual awards program, was made by United President Richard H. McClure during United's 2006 Convention,

held in Colorado Springs, Colo., with more than 500 United representatives in attendance.

Hickman Moving & Storage Co., Inc. received the following United recognition: IMPACT Award, recognizing agents who made a positive impact in the area of cargo claims reduction and prevention, as measured by cargo claims liability percentages.

Card Of Thanks

Your loving and caring was amazing. Thank you. Floyd was a special husband, father, grandfather, brother & uncle, that so many of you made the same comment is humbling. Working for others was his mission, from Al. Baptist Disaster Relief to small behind the scenes. Keep us in your prayers as we begin this lonely journey.

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It Happened This Week!

It became the first football stadium in North America when the gates opened on November 14, 1903. The name of the university at which it is located also serves as my name. It took four and a half months to build, using a \$310,000 donation from the class of 1879. Today it continues to host football games and other events. Name the stadium? Need the answer, or want to find more information? Go to <http://www.gcrfreesen.com/general/1021022aee.html>.

FastFact

The Glorious Revolution of 1688

Donald Wilkes and Mathew Kramer of the University of Georgia Law School developed this extensive resource. It includes a timeline of events and an encyclopedia with articles about the people and events surrounding the Glorious Revolution. Web Address: <http://www.thegloriousrevolution.com/>

Our Bill of Rights: From Whence It Came

Born on November 14, 1650 William of Orange celebrated his thirty-eighth birthday on a warship off the coast of England. The following morning, November 15, 1688 he landed at Torbay with an army that included 7,000 sailors, 4,000 horses, and 14,000 soldiers. He was there at the invitation of a small number of influential members of the British House of Lords to overthrow his father-in-law, King James II of England.

Known as the Glorious Revolution of 1688, this virtually bloodless coup established the supremacy of Parliament over the monarchy. This occurred with the passage of the English Declaration of Rights following the overthrow of James II. Nearly a century later, that document became the model for the American Bill of Rights, which is enshrined as the first ten amendments to the constitution.

James II became King of England in 1685 at the age fifty-two when his brother, Charles II died leaving no legitimate heir. James, who had converted to Catholicism in 1668, became a Catholic monarch in a Protestant country. A stern man who lacked his brother's good nature and political skills, his actions so infuriated his supporters that he became the author of his own downfall. He had two daughters by his first wife, a Protestant, who died in 1671. One of them was Mary, William of Orange's wife.

Upon becoming king, James used his authority to invoke laws over the objections of Parliament, alienating both the middle class and

the nobility. For example, the monarch is the defender of the Church of England, but James repeatedly ignored a law mandating that Church of England members fill selected offices.

In 1687, James attacked the Church of England directly by ordering the bishops to read one of his royal proclamations from their pulpits. Called the Declaration of Indulgences, its effect was to favor Catholics over other non Church of England faiths, which included Presbyterians, Baptists, and Quakers.

Twenty-six bishops, including the Archbishop of Canterbury, refused. As a result James imprisoned them in the Tower of London, making the bishops national heroes and himself a national fool. He then worsened the situation by suing them for seditious libel. Their acquittal in court delighted the nation, making his position nearly untenable.

After landing at Torbay, William marched for London, gathering popular support along the way. Recognizing the inevitable, James II attempted to flee by disguising himself as a peasant. Caught and returned to London, Parliament sent him into exile in France.

William and Mary became co-monarchs, the only time in British history a joint monarchy has occurred. Mary died of smallpox in 1694, and William ruled alone until his death in 1702. Take *The Web Journey* and find out more about the Glorious Revolution.

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Obituaries

BRENDA GALIMORE

ETHRIDGE
Mrs. Brenda Galimore Ethridge, age 57 of Dothan, Ala., died Wednesday, Nov. 8, 2006 in the presence of her children and family.

Funeral services were held Nov. 11, 2006 at Mt. Olive Baptist Church with Rev. Wayne Webber officiating. Burial followed in the Pine Level Community Cemetery, Elba, Ala., with Hayes Funeral Home directing.

Mrs. Ethridge was preceded in death by her parents, Wilmer and Willadene Galimore; and a brother, Lamar Galimore. Survivors include husband: Don Ethridge, Dothan; two daughters: Amanda Taylor (husband Tracey) Sanders, Dothan; Jennifer Taylor (husband Jason) Grider, Charlotte, N.C.; two step daughters: Wendy (husband Clay) Lewis and Terri (husband Todd) Kirkland, both of Dothan; one step son: Todd (wife Lindsey) Ethridge, Montgomery, Ala.;

one sister: Lynda (husband Joe) Flowers, Dothan; one brother: Mac (wife Diann) Galimore, Troy, Ala.; and 10 grandchildren.

ANNIE LOU HOPKINS

Mrs. Annie Lou Hopkins, age 84, of Jonesboro, Ark., died Sunday, Nov. 5, at St. Bernards Medical Center.

A celebration of her life was held Nov. 8, 2006 at First Assembly of God with Rev. Michael Glover officiating. Burial followed at Jonesboro Memorial Park.

She was preceded in death by her parents, John and Ella Warrick; and one son-in-law, Michael Porter. Survivors include her husband: Thurman Eugene Hopkins; two sons: Thurman (wife Carolyn) Hopkins Jr. of Pine Bluff, Kenneth (wife Sue) Hopkins of Hattiesburg, Miss.; three daughters: Norma (husband Jerome) Boyd of Cash, Carolyn (husband Buddy) Shively of Elba, Ala.; Linda Porter of Pine Bluff; 10 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

NOTICE

The Elba Clipper office will be closed Thursday, Nov. 23, in observance of Thanksgiving Day. Therefore, special deadlines will be in effect for the Nov. 23rd paper. All Church and Social News will be due Friday, Nov. 17, by noon. All other news and advertising will be due Monday, Nov. 20, by noon.

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LIFESTYLES

Annual Christmas Festival Pageant to be held November 25th

The annual Christmas Festival pageants will be held Saturday, Nov. 25, at 10 a.m. on the square in downtown Elba.

Dress for the event will be Christmas, and the pageant is not limited to Elba residents only. There will be an entry fee and should be submitted with the bio sheet, which can be picked up at the Chamber office or Elba and Zion Chapel Elementary Schools.

Practice will be held Wednesday, Nov. 22, at 4 p.m. This is not a mandatory practice. Those who will not be attending should turn in the bio sheet and entry fee prior to the practice so a number can be drawn for the contestant.

Divisions will include: Baby Miss (birth to 12 months); Tiny Tot Miss (13 months to 2 years); Petite Miss (3 years to 4 years); Little Miss (K through 2nd grade); Mini Miss (3rd through 5th grade); and Junior Miss (5th through 6th grade). The queens will be invited to ride in the Christmas Parade Saturday, Nov. 25, at 4:30 p.m. The line-up will be behind the old high school and will begin at 4 p.m.

Also, the Chamber is asking that no one other than Santa throw candy during the parade. For questions, call Starla Aniston at 897-8301 after 4 p.m. (no calls at work) or the Elba Chamber of Commerce office at 897-8125.

Breakfast with Santa to be held in Enterprise

Breakfast With Santa is just \$4.99 at Enterprise Civic Center anytime between 8:00 - 11:00 A.M. Saturday, December 2, 2006. Pictures with Santa too! Just \$3.00 each (or bring your camera). Tickets available at the door or from a Pilot Club member. This event is sponsored by The Pilot Club of Enterprise.

If you have any questions call Diane McCollough 347-1661 or Gloria Evans 347-5373.

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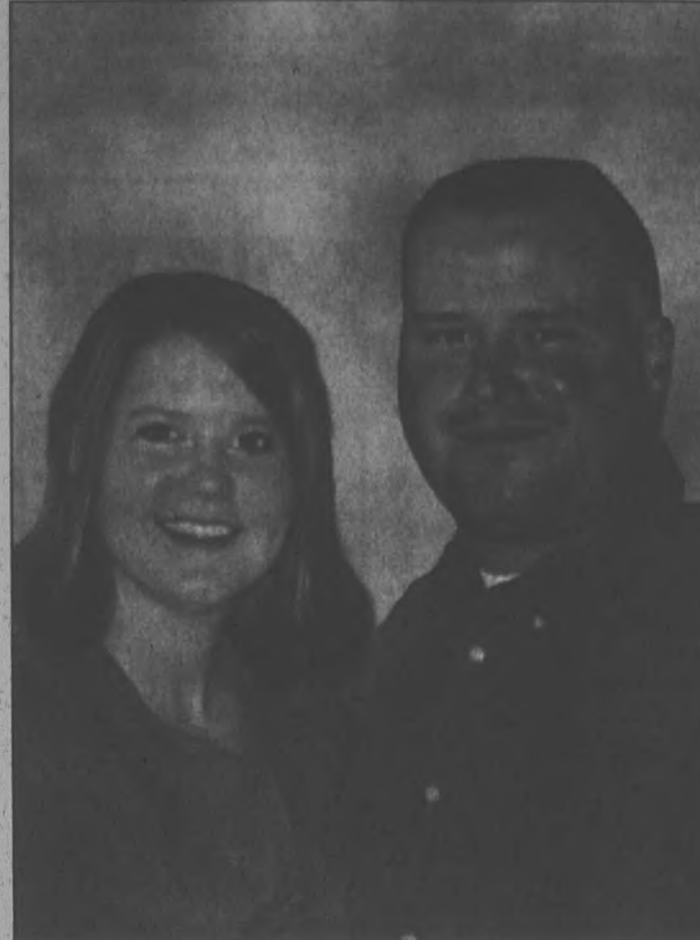
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Mr. and Mrs. Mike Allen Henson

Henson-Baker wedding held October 12 in Newnan Georgia

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Baker announce the marriage of their daughter, Wyndi, to Mike Allen Henson of Newnan, Georgia.

Wyndi is the granddaughter of Mrs. Lamar Vaughan and the late Mr. Lamar Vaughan and Mr. and Mrs. Winfred Baker. She is a 1996 graduate of Elba High School and a 2001 graduate of Troy University. She is employed as a dental assistant.

Mike is the son of Mr. Patricia Griggs and the grandson of the late Mr. and Mrs. Pete

Deadline For Social News Is Monday!

Blood Drive planned in Elba at First Baptist Church on Tuesday, November 21

American Red Cross asks public to respond to the need for donors with O Positive or O Negative blood types.

The American Red Cross is calling upon all eligible blood donors, especially those with types O and B blood, to give blood over the coming weeks in order to help maintain a safe and stable blood supply. The American Red Cross is facing critical shortages of blood during the upcoming holiday travel season, and blood donation is a critical component in the safety and stability of the health care system.

The American Red Cross is particularly in need of O donors, both Type O Positive and Type O Negative. Because over half the blood ordered by hospitals in our region is Type O blood, the demand for that type is growing. O Positive blood can be transfused into patients with any Positive blood type, and O Negative is "Universal Donor" blood, meaning it can be transfused into all patients regardless of their blood type.

Therefore, the American Red Cross will be hosting many public blood drives over the coming weeks in an effort to bolster the blood supply for the coming months.

ELBA, 11/21/06: First Baptist Church of Elba, 606 West Simmons (2 p.m. - 6 p.m.).

ENTERPRISE - 11/29/06: Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church, 4015 Hwy. 27 (1:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.).

In order to become a blood donor, one must be at least 17 years old, weigh at least 110 pounds and be in general good health. Donors must present a photo ID, such as a driver's license or American Red Cross donor card to donate. If you cannot donate, encourage a friend or family member to donate in your place. Make sure to eat properly and double your fluid intake in the 48 hours preceding blood donation.

There is always a need for blood, so become a true hero by giving a little of your time to this most worthy cause. The blood you give may save the life of a neighbor, family member or friend. A few minutes of your time can fill the life of a patient in need of life-giving blood with countless minutes, hours and days. Take time to give the greatest gift of all, the gift of life.

For more information, call 1-800-GIVE-LIFE or visit www.redcrossblood.org.

Troy University now has campus in Pensacola

The University, which has operated a campus site at Pensacola Naval Air Station since 1977, has leased and renovated about 15,000 square feet at 21 New Warrington Road. The location includes seven classrooms, a conference room, a computer lab, video teleconferencing center, a student lounge and administrative offices. The University invested \$12 million in the renovation of the facility.

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New officers for the Elba Kiwanis Club include (from left): Neil Gilmer, secretary; Kay Wilson, treasurer; Scott Kelley, president; and Ashton McKelvey, vice president. The Elba Kiwanis Club meets at noon every second and fourth Thursday in the community room at the Elba Public Library. The local club was chartered March 2004 with 20 members, and it currently is involved in two community projects - the Key Club at Elba High School and the Elba Playground project. New members are welcome and invited.

Chloe Ann Blaylock is one year old



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WCC offers K-5 Course through ED2GO

Elementary teachers, do you sometimes wonder whether you're reaching all of your students when you teach a lesson? Or perhaps you feel like you're being asked to do more and more in less and less time? Well, help has arrived in the form of a new online course: "Integrating Technology in the K-5 Classroom." This six-week Internet course provides K-5 teachers with fun and creative new ways to integrate kid-friendly technology into their busy classrooms.

"Integrating Technology in the K-5 Classroom" can be taken online from the convenience of your home at any time of the day or night. For more information about this course, part of a growing catalog of more than 300 other instructor-facilitated online courses, contact Marcia Hudson in Edna at 334-687-3543, ext. 4247, or Tami Roper in Dothan at 334-556-2203.

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Leaves of Fall.....

The leaves of the fall are so beautiful this year. My wife and I were driving up to Huntsville and the Tennessee Valley last week to see our grandson. The leaves were breathtaking. There were bright oranges and yellows, browns, and reds. It was as if God had taken a giant paint brush and painted the landscape with the fall colors.

As I reflected on the beauty of the fall leaves, I thought about several things that we can learn from.

1. Their beauty reminds us how good God is to us and how much we have to be thankful for.

2. The fall leaves remind us of eternal life. The leaves may fade and fall to the ground but in the spring there will be life again. Christ is Risen!

3. The fall leaves remind us how much God loves us. Each leaf is beautiful in its own way. No matter what color, orange, yellow, or red, each leaf is special to God. Each of us are special to God as well and God has proven His love for us through His Son, Jesus, on the cross.

As we see the fall leaves and colors around us, let us reflect upon the lessons they have for us.

Chestnut Grove United Methodist Church to host Gospel Singing

There will be a gospel singing at Chestnut Grove United Methodist Church, located on Hwy. 110 between Hwy. 125 and Hwy. 167 on November 18 at 7 p.m. Featured singers will be Southern Comfort Gospel Band and Old Southern Gospel Group.

For more information contact Bill Daugherty at 735-2010 or Gus Grant at 897-6793.

Thanksgiving food boxes available for those in need

Thanksgiving food boxes will be available for those in need on November 20-21, 2006 from 4:00 - 6:00 p.m. at Johns Chapel AME Church, 841 Geneva Highway in Enterprise. For more information, contact Pastor Scott or Food Ministry Chairperson, Brother Maxie Hazzard, at the church at 393-2661.



Thanksgiving food boxes

Community-wide Thanksgiving Service will be held Tuesday, November 21

The Thanksgiving Service sponsored by the Elba Ministerial Association will be Tuesday evening, November 21st, at 6 p.m. at the First Assembly of God Church on Highland Drive.

All area residents are invited to attend this special service as we give thanks to God for the blessings of community and faith. Both canned goods and financial contributions will be collected to support the ministry of the Elba Christian Mission Center. If you have any questions or need assistance getting to the service, please call 897-2288 or your local church.

SCRIPTURE: Amos 1:1-15

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NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS AND WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES:

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MORNING STAR BAPTIST CHURCH's Adult and Youth Choir Anniversary will be held on November 19 (Wedding Anniversary), Ted Horstead-November 20

The theme will be "Serve the Lord with gladness: Come before his presence with singing." Psalms 100:2 All groups, singers, and choirs are welcome to join. Morning Star is located at 117 Hedger Street, Enterprise, Ala. 36330. For more information contact 334-347-7167.

THE 22ND ANNIVERSARY FOR REV. & MRS. JOHN C. LAWRENCE, pastor of Piney Grove Missionary Baptist Church, Opp, Ala. will be held Sunday, November 19, 2006 at 3 p.m. The theme will be "And I will give you power according to mine heart, which shall feed you with knowledge and understanding." Jeremiah 3:15. The sermon will be given by Rev. W. M. Daniels.

YOUTH EVANGELISM CONFERENCE 2006 present-

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ed by Harris Temple Church of God in Christ Youth Ministry will be held November 16-18, 2006. The theme will be "Desperate for God, Destined for success, Determined to make it." The conference will take place at Harris Temple C.O.G.I.C., 747 Adams Ave., Elba and Elba High School Auditorium, 371 Tiger Drive, Elba. Speakers will be Elder Eric and Bro. Mike Frazier. The conference host is Supt. W. K. Ellison, Harris Temple C.O.G.I.C. and the clinician will be Jerrell Allen. For more information contact 334-897-2862 or 334-897-1771.

THE KELLY/GIBSON REUNION will be held in the Enterprise Community Room (across from Citizens Bank, downtown Enterprise, Ala) on November 24th and 25th. Register with Oneather Smedley at (334)-894-6473 or (334)-763-0953.

PLEASANT SHADE MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH, Enterprise, Rev. C. A. Hammond, Jr., pastor, will celebrate their ninety-ninth church anniversary November 19, 2006 at 2:30 p.m. Special guest will be Rev. W. L. Peterson and the Greater New Zion Baptist Church of Elba.

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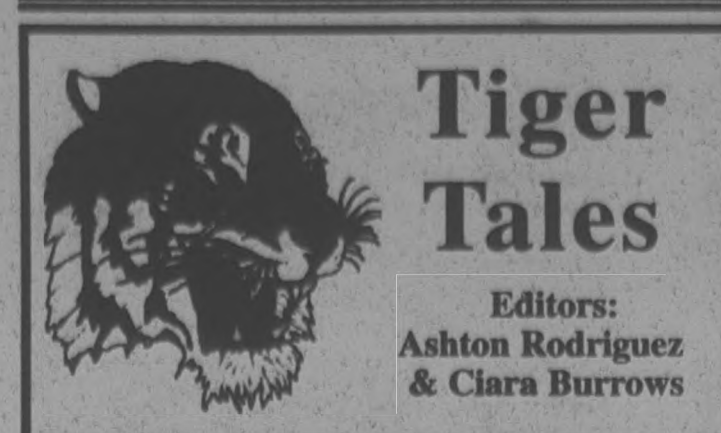
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SCHOOLS



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Elba Tigers wrap up season

by Ryan McCollough

The Elba Tigers recently completed their season. The team's final record was 4-6.

This season was one of change for the Tigers. The Tigers moved up one classification to the highly competitive world of 3A.

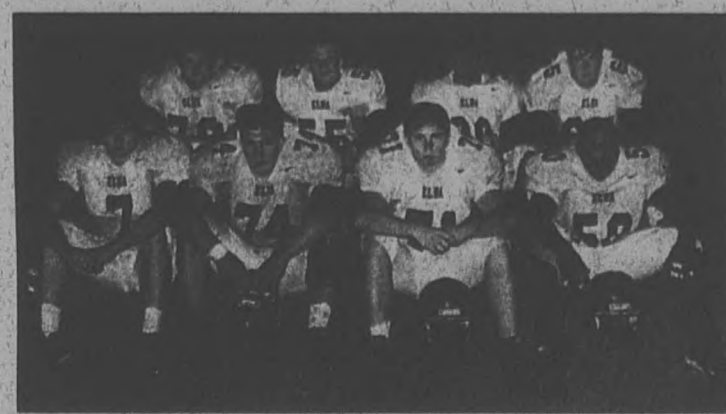
The Tigers' new region included the defending state champion Pike County as well as perennial powers such as Geneva, Straughn and Abbeville. The Tigers started out slowly, but gained strength during the middle of the

season.

The Tigers posted wins over Slocomb and New Brockton in consecutive weeks. The other two victories came in dramatic fashion.

The Tigers traveled to Straughn and beat the Straughn Tigers, with the Elba Tigers kicking a field goal late in the game to beat Straughn 17-15. The final game of the season took place in Opp, where the Tigers beat the Bobcats 55-54 in triple overtime.

Although the season had its ups and downs, it will be remembered for a long time.



Senior football players ended the season with a huge victory.

Elba FFA wins big at National Peanut Festival

Submitted by April Finedore
Elba FFA Chapter Reporter

Joe Waldorff, Elba FFA advisor, gave several members the opportunity to attend the 63rd annual National Peanut Festival in Dothan.

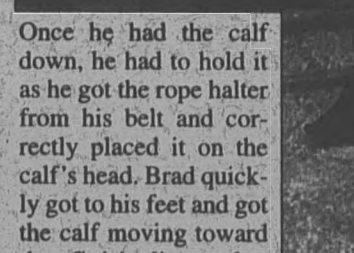
Three students from Elba High School competed in the calf scramble and greased pig chase.

April Finedore and Dylan McCollough competed with 18 other contestants in the greased pig chase. Brad Sullivan competed with 19 other contestants in the calf scramble.

The students who competed were from all over the Wiregrass area. Hundreds of spectators were on hand, cheering for their contestant as the scrambles ensued.

During the calf scramble, the 20 FFA and 4-H members were competing in the Ameris Bank arena. The contestants were trying to catch 10 heifers weighing from 450-475 pounds.

Brad prevailed by bulldozing a healthy Angus heifer.



Once he had the calf down, he had to hold it as he got the rope halter from his belt and correctly placed it on the calf's head. Brad quickly got to his feet and got the calf moving toward the finish line, after several leaps, calf scramble assistants helped him.

The calf scramble program allows a student between the

ages of 14 and 17 to catch a heifer calf, raise the calf, and train it for show. Brad is required to show his calf at the National Peanut Festival Calf Show next year, and then it is his to do with as he wishes. Brad said he plans to put her in the herd that he and his family own.

The greased pig chase began as soon as the calf scramble was over. The 10 pigs, weighing around 90 pounds, were drenched in peanut oil. 20 contestants, including April and Dylan, had the opportunity to try to catch the greased pig.

Dylan was successful in tackling a pig and dragging it across the finish line. Now, the pig belongs to Dylan, and he will decide its future.

Elba High School was represented well, and throughout both scrambles no animals or students were injured.

Brad Sullivan's calf have been on display in the Elba High School Ag Department and have been viewed by many students and members of the community. Hopefully, the display will encourage more students to participate next year.

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Elba Elementary School honors Veterans

by Brittany Phillips



Retired Sgt. Major Otis Gordon speaks to Elba Elementary School students during the Veterans' Day program held Monday, Nov. 6, in front of the school.

Senior class sings during last football pep rally

by Tierney Starks

On Friday, Nov. 4, the 2007 Seniors celebrated their last pep rally.

The seniors took part in the tradition of singing at the last pep rally of the year. They had many song choices to choose from, but the song they chose was, "I'm Not Gonna Cry."

The '07 seniors' parents sat in the stands while they watched their children sing together and gather up for their last high school football pep rally.

Parents and classmates joined as they sang the Alma Mater and wished the Elba Tigers good luck in their game against the rival Opp Bobcats.



This week's journalism spotlight is **Clara Burrows**.

Clara is the 17-year-old daughter of Quinn and Anna Burrows. Her hobbies include talking on the phone, reading, and hanging out with Melanie and other friends.

After graduation, Clara plans to attend West Alabama and major in pre-med or dentistry. She describes herself as nice, caring, and outgoing.

Elba High School enjoys Homecoming Spirit Week

by Melanie Mularz

The EHS Varsity Cheerleaders held "Spirit Week" during the week of Homecoming at Elba City School, and each day leading up to game day had its own theme.

Monday was "Camouflage" with the theme "Can't Hide Our Tiger Pride." Tuesday was "Team Up for the Tigers" and the students were asked to wear their favorite team's apparel. Wednesday, the students wore their clothes inside out in indication of the theme, "Turn the Yellow Jackets Inside-out." "Put a Cap on the Yellow Jackets" was Thursday's theme, and students were allowed to wear hats to school. Friday, game day, the school was decked out in black and gold to "Show Your Tiger Spirit."

Not only did the students express their school spirit by dressing up, they also showed it by decorating different doors around the school. Every year the SCA sponsors the door-decorating contest. Students are able to decorate doors with their own theme.

Hard work and dedication from the students were put into the doors. Out of all the participants, only first, second and third place winners were chosen. Third place went to the Journalism Staff with "Make Em' Walk The Plank" from the movie Pirates of the Caribbean. From the movie Psycho, Coach Peacock's second block seniors received second place with the theme, "Go Psycho On The Yellow Jackets."

The winner went to the very creative, Mrs. Whitlock's class for the second year in a row. The class went with the theme, "You're Invited To A Tiger Cookout" based on the movie The Cookout.

The games that entertained the students were tug-o-war with the senior football players and the male teachers and a cheerleading jump-off between four female teachers.

After the game on Friday, the Journalism staff sponsored the annual Homecoming Dance. The theme of the dance was also based on a movie title with *Dirty Dancing-Havana Nights*.

There was a good turnout out at the dance, which made the night one to remember for everyone. The staff brought back an old tradition of having a lead out for the queen and court. The dance DJ was once again Duke Carr, a graduate from Elba High School, who was assisted by other EHS grads, Evan Tew and La'Ray Williams.

Also because of the weather, the annual homecoming parade was postponed until the following Monday. Even though the Tigers suffered a defeat by the Yellow Jackets, the Tiger pride and spirit was carried on to the parade.

In the high school category, the Sophomore class won first place with the theme "S.W.A.T. Yellow Jackets." Coming in second place was the junior class going with "Tiger Chainsaw Massacre," and third place went to FCCLA with "Entering the Danger Zone."

There were many entries in the elementary categories, which made the decision tough on the judges. For third place there was a tie between second grade with the theme *Grease*, and fourth grade with the theme *Madagascar*. There was a tie for the second winner, with the theme "Elba Nights" from Talladega Nights (EES Student Council) and "Tigers Declare" from *Open Season* (1st Grade).

There was also a division for floats outside of school. In first place, the Preswee football players and cheerleaders showed off their "Waterboy" theme. The Elba Study Club received second place highlighting the queens on Elba. There was another tie for third place between the Park 37 Scouts, "Indiana Jones, Tiger Scouts" and the Elba Midway Football team "The Incredibles."

With the football season coming to an end earlier than the Tigers had hoped, homecoming week was still a success. The students and community came together showing school spirit and not letting the weather bring their hopes down.

an education because they are the future. He also told students to be proud to be an American.

Teacher Spotlight

by Michael Hall



This week's teacher spotlight is **Christina Whitlock**.

Mrs. Whitlock graduated from Enterprise High School and attended college at Shelton State Community College where she obtained her AA degree of human environmental science. She also obtained her double BS degree in family studies and adult development, and minored in social work. She is currently attending the University of Alabama Graduate School pursuing a degree in health sciences.

Mrs. Whitlock's positions at Elba High School are family and consumer sciences teacher, FCCLA sponsor and junior class sponsor. Her hobbies are sewing, reading, motorcycle riding and spending time at her children's sporting events and home decorating projects.

REBELS OF THE MONTH

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SCHOOLS

Focus on Faculty

(Fourth Grade Educators)

Name: Ember Griswold
When is your birthday? July 22 (do you really want to know the year?)

How long have you been teaching? This is my 8th year.
What do you think about Zion Chapel? I love teaching here. I enjoy working with the parents, students and faculty.

What is your favorite thing about teaching? I love when you teach a new concept and you can see the "light bulb" come on and know the students understand. I also love summer vacation.

What are your hobbies? I love to fish Spring 2005 I caught a 12 and a half pounder. She's on my wall. I named her Martha.

What clubs/organizations are you involved in? I've been the SGA Sponsor since 2000 and this year I turned it over to Mrs. Sasser. I'm also in CCEA, AEA, NEA and chairperson of BBST.

What is your biggest achievement? Educating young minds and having a positive influence on them.

What is your most embarrassing moment? Well, every year for the first three years I was here, I fell at the beginning and end of the school year. I haven't fallen since gaining tenure.

What does that say? Do you have any children? If so, how many? I have one stepson who is 15 (going on 22).

What college(s) did you attend? ESJC, University of Alabama and Troy State University.

Auburn or Alabama? Alabama. Anything else interesting or unique that you'd like to share? I collect Pez dispensers, and Peanut cartoon characters. I am secretly an Auburn fan!

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so, how many? Blake, 15, and Emily, 14.
What college(s) did you attend? Troy University.

Auburn or Alabama? Auburn. Anything else interesting or unique that you'd like to share? I would love to raise Yorkshire Terriers.

Name: Michael Herrington
When is your birthday? 8-1-68

How long have you been teaching? 11 years.

What do you think about Zion Chapel? Great place to teach!

What is your favorite thing about teaching? The kids.

What are your hobbies? Golfing, four-wheeling, and reading.

What clubs/organizations are you involved in? AEA and CCEA.

What is your biggest achievement? Graduating college (twice).

What is your most embarrassing moment? Well, every year for the first three years I was here, I fell at the beginning and end of the school year. I haven't fallen since gaining tenure.

What does that say? Do you have any children? No, only spoiled dogs.

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What are your

SPORTS

Views From...

THE PRESSBOX

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

Melissa was back home from college for the three-day holiday last weekend, and Saturday morning we sat down together and watched the Auburn-Georgia football game on the tube. I told her before the game kicked off that despite its record Georgia would get after Auburn, and the warning proved true as Auburn lost big for its second loss of the season. Since Melissa is a die-hard Auburn fan I actually pulled for the Tigers, and after the game I had to admit she had matured, since she didn't throw anything against the wall or use any bad words. This week's game could be different, however!

FOR WHAT IT IS WORTH...

*** The high school basketball season tips off this week, and if we fans are to believe the coaches, it could be long seasons for most all the schools in the county. Elba had a varsity roster filled with seniors last season and will have an entirely new squad on the floor when the Tigers tip it off, while Kinston graduated almost its entire starting line-up from a year ago and Zion Chapel is coming off a winless season. The only exception may be over at New Brockton, where new head coach Robby Kinsaul will return four starters and has high hopes to take the Gamecocks' back to the top of the 2A ranks. It may take some fans a little while to get adjusted to basketball, but the season is underway and before long we will hear the ball bouncing in our sleep.

*** The high school football playoffs kicked off last week and it was an interesting week on the gridiron. For the week, a total of 43 top-seeds and 35 second-seeds posted wins, while a total of only 18 third and fourth seeded teams advanced. The biggest loser was in Class 1A, Region 1, where all four teams were eliminated. The top-seeds that were knocked off included McIntosh (1A), Vincent (2A), Clarke County (3A), Chelsea (5A) and Clay-Chalkville (6A). The opening week wasn't all that kind to teams from the area as Florala, Pleasant Home, Cottonwood, Wicksburg, Geneva County, Georgiana, Straughn, Daleville, Ashford, Charles Henderson and Enterprise all were sent home from the post-season play. Some interesting wins included Arton's 47-6 romp past a solid Billingsley team, Luverne's 47-6 win over Cottonwood, Pickens County's 20-0 win over Southern Choctaw, Madison Academy's 3-2 win over Sardis, Andalusia's 28-14 win over Beauregard, Greenville's 19-7 win over Demopolis, and Lanier's 15-0 win over Theodore.

*** Brantley opened post-season play against Verbena and the game was over almost immediately as the Bulldogs scored on their first play from scrimmage and rolled to an easy 48-8 win. Brantley was ahead 41-0 at the half after scoring on its first six possessions, and there was little doubt the Bulldogs could have scored seventy or eighty points if they had wanted to. The Bulldogs have speed to burn on offense and an aggressive defense, and Friday night the combination was a lopsided win. Brantley has now scored over forty points in ten of its eleven wins, with the only exception being its 36-

point shut-out win over Luverne. Brantley is for real, and there is no doubt the Bulldogs are favorites to win it all. However, the scoreboard will read 0-0 every time they hit the field in the playoffs, and that means the games that have already been played mean nothing.

*** I watched some college football over the long weekend, and while I will admit the players and coaches as Rutgers and Boise State are to be commended for their fine seasons, neither team is a true major college squad and both have no place in the BCS standings. Rutgers plays in a watered down Big East Conference that is little more than a basketball conference, while Boise State plays on blue turf against teams that would have a hard time winning over folks like Troy, Southern Miss or UAB. The fact hundreds of college games are on television each and every week gives teams the chance to be seen, but to suggest some of those teams are Division 1 powers is a joke. Let ESPN have its own bowl game and put Rutgers and Boise State playing each other. The winner would get a nice check and the right to brag about its record, but still be at home watching the true major college teams play during the BCS bowls.

*** and, Ye Ole Polish Prognosticator stopped by over the weekend and after going 28-2 last week was all smiles when he dropped off this week's high school playoff picks. The local guestpert was fooled by Arton and Lanett, but hit the big Abbeville upset on the nose and also came through on a couple of toss-ups. Last week's picks moved his yearly totals to 298-71, which ain't too bad. Here are this week's picks....

BRANTLEY VS. SOUTH LAMAR

I've heard some folks from north Alabama have a horse about planned for Brantley's Bulldog Stadium Friday night, but apparently they forgot the bulldogs from up across the river are still playing

Defending champs all alive

Twelve undefeated teams advance to second round in AHSAA football playoffs

Twelve undefeated teams and six defending champions—Addison (1A), Clay County (2A), Pike County (3A), UMS-Wright (4A), Homewood (5A) and Hoover (6A)—move into the second round of the Alabama High School Athletic Association state football playoff Friday (Nov. 17), according to the official pairings announced Saturday.

Only Pike County in 3A and Hoover in 6A are still competing in the same class. The other four have moved up a class for this two-year classification period.

In Class 4A where there are three unbeaten teams, Alexandria (10-0) downed Madison County 41-14, Tarrant (11-0) outscored Hamilton 42-

27 and Brooks (11-0) stopped Midfield 48-12.

Three undefeated teams also led the Class 1A advance. Maplesville (10-0) walloped Florala 42-6, Brantley (11-0) blasted Verbena 48-8, and Donoho (11-0) dropped Gaylesville 35-14.

In Class 2A, Houston Academy (10-0) blanketed Reeltown 38-0 and Fyffe (11-0) bounced Ranburne 48-21. Addison (10-1), last year's Class 1A champion, knocked off Falkville 28-15.

Two teams with 11-0 records led the Class 3A charge. Montgomery Academy downed Straughn 49-7 and Geneva defeated Catholic-Montgomery 61-26. Clay County (10-1), the 2A champion a year ago, bested Sheffield 42-14.

In Class 5A, Eufaula (11-0) mashed Chilton County 41-0 and Fort Payne outlasted Erwin 39-32. UMS-Wright (9-2), state champ in Class 4A last year, defeated Jess Lanier 42-28.

Defending champion Hoover (10-1) led the Class 6A charge with a 44-0 spanking of Pell City. Homewood (6-5), Class 5A champion a year ago, outscored Clay-Chalkville 40-28.

SECOND ROUND PAIRINGS

(All games are Friday, Nov. 17, at 7:00 p.m. CST.)

CLASS 1A

Maplesville (10-0) at A.L. Johnson (7-3)
South Lamar (8-2) at Brantley (11-0)

CLASS 2A

Maplesville (10-0) at A.L. Johnson (7-3)
South Lamar (8-2) at Brantley (11-0)

CLASS 3A

Maplesville (10-0) at A.L. Johnson (7-3)
South Lamar (8-2) at Brantley (11-0)

CLASS 4A

Maplesville (10-0) at A.L. Johnson (7-3)
South Lamar (8-2) at Brantley (11-0)

CLASS 5A

Maplesville (10-0) at A.L. Johnson (7-3)
South Lamar (8-2) at Brantley (11-0)

CLASS 6A

Maplesville (10-0) at A.L. Johnson (7-3)
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CLASS 7A

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CLASS 12A

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CLASS 13A

Maplesville (10-0) at A.L. Johnson (7-3)
South Lamar (8-2) at Brantley (11-0)

CLASS 14A

Maplesville (10-0) at A.L. Johnson (7-3)
South Lamar (8-2) at Brantley (11-0)

football, and the guess here is the dogs will run the ponies clear out of the county. By the time they turn out the lights the scoreboard should read....

BRANTLEY 48 SOUTH LAMAR 8

OTHER PICKS:

Maplesville 27 A.L. Johnson 13
Wadley 38 Sunshine 12
Sweet Water 32 Arton 6
Luverne 29 Red Level 13
Houston Academy 24 Pickens County 7
Leroy 22 Loachapoka 20
American Christian 38 Lanett 14
Montgomery Academy 35 Cordova 7
Geneva 45 Winfield 15
Abbeville 22 Gordo 21
Pike County 33 Aliceville 18
Thomasville 21 Cleburne County 17
Trinity 17 W.S. Neal 16
T.R. Miller 41 Elmore County 14
Fayette County 28 Andalusia 21
St. Paul's 27 McAdory 24
Eufaula 27 Fairfield 6
UMS-Wright 35 Shelby County 17
Pleasant Grove 14 Greenville 8
Opelika 42 Murphy 10
Daphne 17 Lanier 0
McGill-Toolen 24 Auburn 14
Prattville 35 Foley 22

SPORTS



Brantley's Jeffery Daniels (10) cuts outside teammate Chris Booker (25) and finds plenty of room to run as he takes off on a 43-yard touchdown run. The score came late in the first quarter and gave the Bulldogs a commanding 27-0 lead in their 48-8 playoff win last Thursday night over Verbena.

In opening round of 1A playoffs

Brantley Bulldogs beat the 'Devil out of Verbena 48-8

By Greg Branson
Photos by Janet Brunson and Mike Capps

The Brantley Bulldogs opened their quest for a trip to Birmingham Thursday night with an impressive 48-8 playoff win over the Verbena Red Devils at Bulldog Stadium.

The Brantley defense took charge early at the line of scrimmage and forced four Red Devil turnovers, while the Bulldog offense ran wild as it scored four touchdowns in the first quarter.

Brantley wasted little time getting on the scoreboard as Chris Booker took a handoff on an inside trap and raced 62 yards untouched on the game's first play from scrimmage. Marcus Owens kicked the extra-point and Brantley took a pitch-out and rambled 43 yards for a touchdown. The extra-point try sailed wide, but it made little difference as Brantley upped its lead to 27-0 with 5:28 still left in the opening quarter.

Verbena moved the chains for the first time in the game on its next possession, but the Red Devil drive ended near midfield when Terry McClain made a diving interception at the Brantley 49-yardline.

On the third play of the Bulldogs' ensuing possession, Chris Booker took the ball on a sweep to the right, cut back to the middle of the field and raced 46 yards for a touchdown. Marcus Owens kicked the extra-point and with 10:56 remaining in the second quarter it was over, but the shouting as Brantley owned a big 34-0 lead.

James Pittman set up the next Brantley score with a 38-yard run to the Verbena 12-yardline. Another holding penalty against the Bulldogs caused a slight detour, but two plays later Chris Booker went 15 yards on a trap to score his third touchdown of the night. Owens added the extra-point, and Brantley's lead was up to 41-0 with 6:08 remaining in the second quarter.

Verbena crossed midfield for the first time on its ensuing possession as Brantley began to get reserves into the action, but the Red Devils again hit a road block on their try downfield as Chase Haws pounced on a Verbena fumble at the Brantley 31.

Brantley's initial possession of the second half began at its own 21-yardline. Completions of 8 yards to Austin Brook, 21 yards to Terry McClain and a 27-yard run by James Pittman moved the Bulldogs to the Red Devil 20. Anthony Gulley connected with Thad Frazier on a 20-yard pass on a post route to get the "Dogs" back in the end zone, and Marcus Owens drilled the extra-point as Brantley moved ahead 48-0 with 7:12 remaining in the third quarter.

Brantley's Jon Tyson recovered a Verbena fumble deep in Red Devil territory to give the Bulldog reserves a chance to score. However, the Bulldogs turned the ball over on downs at the Red Devil 8-yardline as the scoring opportunity went by the board.

Verbena pieced together a 17-play, 92-yard drive against the Brantley reserves to avoid the shut-out. The score came on a 3-yard pass from Jason Montgomery to Kyle Simpler with 5:58 left on the clock, and Montgomery passed to Jase Mims for the two-point conversion to make the final score Brantley 48 Verbena 8.

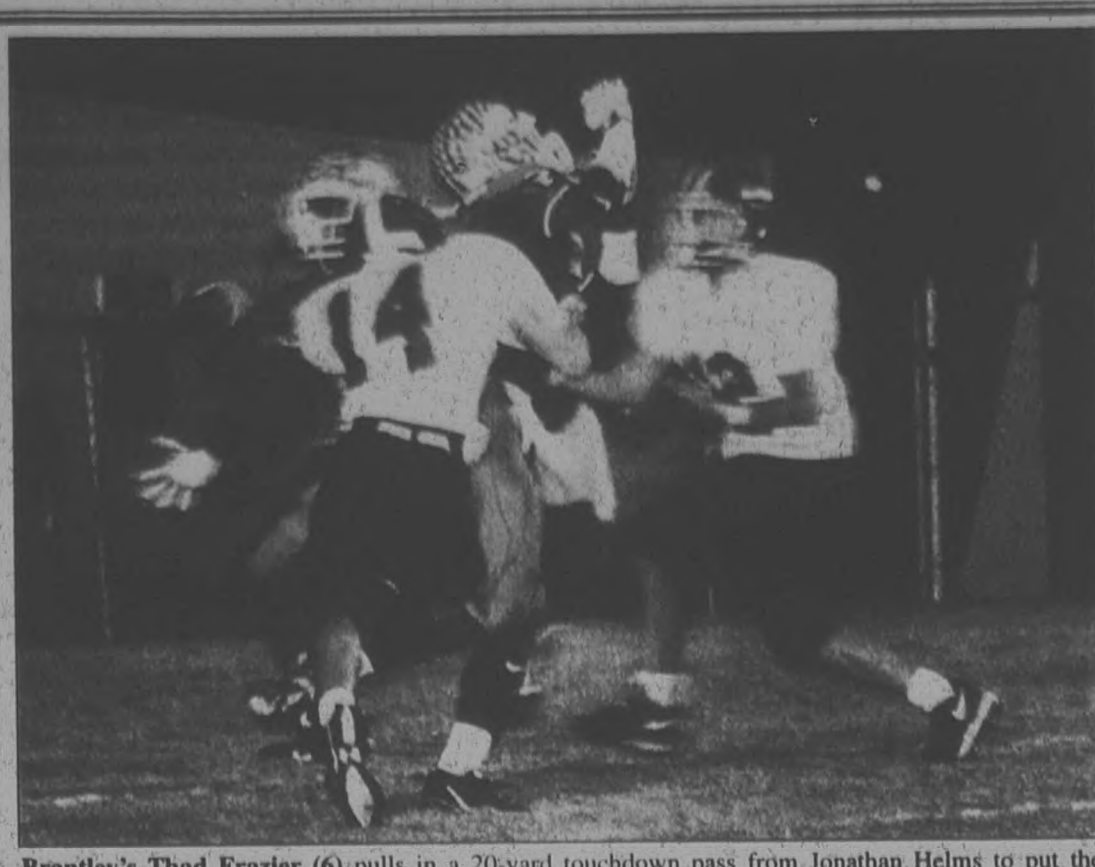
Chris Booker gained 121 yards and scored 3 touchdowns on just 5 carries to spark the Brantley offense, while James Pittman added 100 yards on 6 carries and Thad Frazier hauled

in 3 passes for 78 yards and 2 touchdowns.

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Brantley's Thad Frazier (6) pulls in a 20-yard touchdown pass from Jonathan Helms to put the Bulldogs on top 47-0 midway through the third quarter. The pass was just out of the reach of Bulldog teammate Jon Tyson (2), but Frazier was at the right place at the right time and pulled in his second scoring pass of the game.

STATISTICS

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10	1st Downs 14
29-345	Rushes-Yds. 38-148
107	Passing-Yds. 64
452	Total Offense 212
5-8-0	Passes 5-12-1
31	Return-Yds. 3
0	Fumbles Lost 3
8-83	Penalties-Yds. 2-16
2-29	Punts-Ave. 4-23

Brantley to host South Lamar Friday in second round

The Brantley Bulldogs will remain at home for the second round of the Class 1A high school football playoffs Friday night when they host the South Lamar Stallions.

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Brantley's Chris Booker (25) looks upfield for running room in the Bulldogs' 48-8 win over Verbena. Booker gained 121 yards and scored 3 touchdowns on just 5 carries in the big opening round playoff win.

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COMMUNITY NEWS

KIDD

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Since becoming foster parents, the Kidds have had 61 children in their home. Some of the children will be there for one night and others will remain for years. They said as long as they feel

it is God's will for them to continue taking children, they will keep doing it. Although the Kidds are licensed through Coffee County DHR, they have fostered children from Dale, Coffee,

Crenshaw and Pike counties. Three years ago, Pike County social workers got involved with the couple after they accepted a foster child with serious medical conditions. On July 5, 2006, the couple finalized the adoption of this child.

Part of the reason this couple won the award may be their lack of limitations on accepting children. They say race and background does not matter, and they have the ability to accept medical fragile children.

The couple thanks their biological children for sharing their mom and dad with children that can not be with their own. They say fostering is a challenging but rewarding job, and as long as they keep God first, they will continue to be blessed.

Troy University plans 'Salute to Veterans'

Since 2000, Troy University has honored the men and women of the U.S. military at one home football game in November, as a Veterans Day tribute. This year's "Salute to Veterans" scheduled for the Nov. 18 Trojans' game with Arkansas State, will add a new twist to the tradition.

This year's salute will emphasize the University's recently launched campaign to identify and thank current students, alumni, faculty or staff members—or members of their immediate families—who are currently serving in the military, according to Janice Hawkins, TROY's first lady.

The tribute, scheduled for halftime of the football game, includes a special show by TROY's "Sound of the South" Marching Band. The centerpiece of the annual tribute is the playing of the songs of each branch of the service. Personnel currently serving in the military and veterans in the audience will be asked to stand and be recognized when the song representing their branch of the service is played.

Elba Chamber of Commerce presents... November's Business of the Month Elba City Schools

The Elba Chamber of Commerce extended the honor of "Business of the Month" for November to Elba City Schools. "We are pleased to be selected by the chamber as business of the month for November," said Danny Weeks, superintendent. "The most important job in our business is to ensure all our students receive a quality education."

Weeks said data for state accountability, students assessments and adequate yearly progress (AYP) was released statewide Aug. 11th which showed more students were tested, scores increased, attendance rose and participation rates were almost perfect in Elba City Schools.

"This can be attributed to a wonderful staff of over 125 employees that care for the most important and precious resource we have...our students," said Weeks.

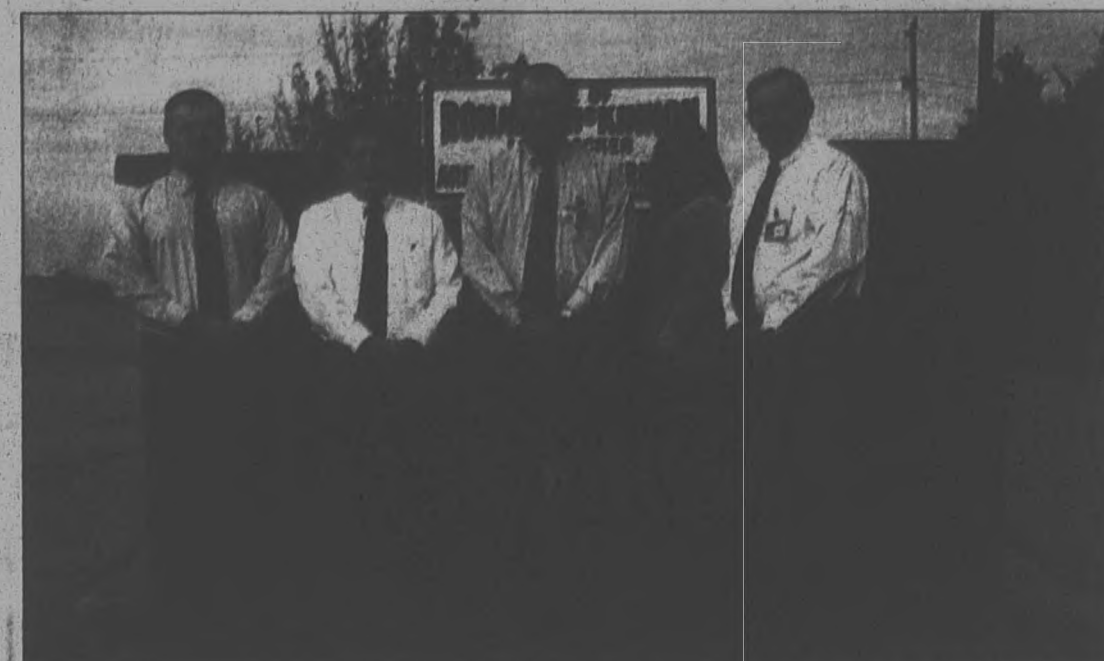
Elba Elementary School and Elba High School each exceeded state standards and made adequate yearly progress based on performance and participation on 2005 referenced assessments in reading and mathematics. An added factor in determining AYP included attendance rates, which was 97 percent in Elba City Schools.

Weeks said the elementary reading program and high school remediation program continue to receive statewide recognition due to the fact that 100 percent of the schools' graduates passed the Alabama High School Graduation Exam and the reading program ranked fourth in the state among new Alabama Reading First schools regarding reading achievement.

"These schools have made tremendous strides in academic improvement and are to be congratulated," said Weeks. "As with any business to be successful, we must produce a quality product. In our case this would be our graduates. I am pleased that our 2005 graduates received over \$1.2 million in scholarships and our honor graduates made up over 50 percent of the class. We truly produced a great product!"

To produce any great product, Weeks said it takes money. Last year, he said the school system spent over \$4.5 million on instruction and over \$1.2 million on support services. He said the operating cost and maintenance on buildings and grounds amounted to over \$690,000. In addition, the system spends over \$1 million on transportation and Child Nutrition programs.

"Again, thanks to the Elba Chamber of Commerce for selecting our school system as business of the month," said Weeks. "We are thankful for our students, staff, parents and to the community we serve."



WELCOME TO ELBA CITY SCHOOLS...The administration of Elba City Schools welcomes community involvement and is honored to serve the people of Elba. Leading Elba City Schools are (from left) Kevin Killingsworth and Shane Casey, EHS assistant principals; Danny Weeks, superintendent of Elba City Schools; LaKisha Brackins, EES principal; and Johnny Dunn, EHS principal.

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Storms hit area Wednesday, Nov. 15, leaving path of destruction

by Linda Hodge, Editor

Strong winds and heavy rain kept Coffee County residents on alert Wednesday, Nov. 15, as damaging storms moved through the state.

Several times throughout the day, Coffee County found itself placed under various weather warnings from the storms.

John Tallas, director of the Coffee County EMA, said the brunt of damage in Coffee County occurred in the area of Coffee County Road 235 and 239. Also, he said the Coffee

County Landfill sustained some damage.

Tallas said the storm that left a path of destruction on County Road 235 has not been confirmed as the result of a tornado; however, he did say there is a distinct possibility a tornado did hit the area. He said there were signs of twisted tree tops.

Several homes received damage in this area included the doublewide mobile home of Elijah and Christina Gilbert. This mobile home was destroyed after winds picked it up and relocated it. The couple

was at home at the time, and somehow escaped the very scary situation with no life-threatening injuries.

Mrs. Gilbert reportedly had a broken arm and shattered collarbone. Both were taken to the Elba General Hospital for treatment.

Tallas said the Coffee County Landfill fell victim to the storm with a couple of buildings receiving damage and a trailer being destroyed.

South of Enterprise, Tallas said some chicken houses sustained roof damage during the day.

Overall, he said Coffee County fared well through the storms, but there was notable damage throughout the county.

Damage estimates for publicly owned utilities, property, etc. for the county appeared to be about \$166,000 for Coffee County. Tallas said this does not include individual damage estimates.

Katrina Calhoun resigns from Elba BOE to fill teaching position

by Ferrin Cox, Publisher

The Elba City School Board met on Thursday, November 16 without board member (and board chair) Katrina Calhoun who had resigned from the board.

Mrs. Calhoun, a former Elba elementary teacher, will take a temporary position with the school system replacing a teacher who will be out several months following surgery.

Board member Valerie McGuire, who was serving as Vice Chair of the board was named to fill the vacancy.

Superintendent Danny Weeks revived the monthly financial statement, noting to the board that there was nothing out of the ordinary happened with the

finances during the past month. The superintendent explained that some expenditures from the Capital Projects Fund would take place in the immediate future. New locker will be installed in the football locker room. Also equipment will be purchased to allow video conferencing class. He said this will help keep the school system on the cutting edge of technology.

Presently the Elba school system is operating approximately 350 computers on a daily basis. With this technology, students can be exposed to technical courses taught by highly trained teachers hundreds of miles away, classes that would not be possible if the school system had to hire specialized teachers for each of these courses.

Weeks had praise for Senator Jimmy Holley and Representative Terry Spicer for funds to work on erosion control in various places on the school campus.

The board accepted a recommendation from the superintendent and amended the lunchroom policy, allowing up to \$10.00 limit for paid students and \$5.00 limit for reduced pay students. This will formalize a program which ensures that students don't go hungry if they occasionally forget to bring lunch money.

The board also approved a system wide Highly Qualified Teacher plan for the 2006-2007 school year. At present the only teacher who are not "highly qualified" are working toward that certification. Mr. Weeks

told board members that in the future no teacher would be hired unless they already had the "highly qualified" certification. The exception to that policy will be when there are no certified teachers available.

Board members approved a purchase of a new Elba City School Textbook Adoption committee. Books being revised this year are Arts Education and Foreign Languages. Amelia Rhoades will serve as chairperson of both the elementary and the high school committees.

Serving with her on the elementary committee are Gina Price, Tom Maddox and Millie McCollough.

Joining Rhoades on the high school committee are Kevin Killingsworth, Ashley Meadows and Will Pierce.

The board formally accepted resignation of Sabrina Kelley as school nurse. She has been on leave since the beginning of the school year.

Mrs. Dale Kindred, mother of an Elba student, addressed the board on a personal matter.

2006 Elba Christmas Festival

Entertainment Schedule:

Chamber Office - (Fee Charged)
8 a.m. - Breakfast with Santa
9 a.m. - Breakfast with Santa - Pictures
On the Square - (No Charge to Attend)
10 a.m. - 2006 Christmas Festival Pageants
Noon - Storytime with Mrs. Claus
12:30 p.m. - Christmas Play (Elba Elem. SGA)
12:45 p.m. - Vocal Entertainment
1 p.m. - Countywide Children's Choir
1:30 p.m. - Dixieland Cloggers
2 p.m. - Community-wide Adult Choir
2:30 p.m. - SheBang Dance Group
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Area Happenings

THE BRANTLEY BULL DOGS enter the quarterfinal round of the state playoffs this Friday, Nov. 24, and will travel to Maplesville. Kickoff is set for 7 p.m.

COFFEE COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT will hold a flu clinic at the health department Monday, Dec. 4. There also will be a clinic Wednesday, Dec. 13, if the vaccine supply is not depleted. All clients will be open to the general public and will take place from 8-11 a.m. and from 1-3:30 p.m. Medicare and Active Adult Coverage Medicaid will be accepted. Medicare or Medicaid card and a picture ID must be supplied. If the card is not supplied, a fee will be charged. For more information please call (334) 347-9374.

THE CITY OF ELBA OFFICES will be closed Thursday, Nov. 23, and Friday, Nov. 24, in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday. There will be steady crews for any emergency with street, sewer, storm or water. To report an emergency call the Elba Police Department at 897-2555. The garbage pickup schedule will be unchanged.

Jeffery W. Shelton joined the Elba Police Department four years ago. He currently serves as patrol sergeant (for third shift). Sgt. Shelton has a total of 17 years of police service. During his career, he also has served three years with the Decatur Police Department, eight years with the Birmingham Police Department and two years with the New Brockton Police Department.

Sgt. Shelton said his most memorable police experience was working four years with the Birmingham Narcotics Division (two years spent undercover). He has advanced training as a firearms instructor specialized in tactical pistol, shotgun and select fire weapons use. He also has completed numerous training sessions.

Sgt. Shelton is married with four children, and he is an ASE